

A 10-year-old boy presented with sudden onset cough and watery sputum which occurred 10 days ago. Chest computed tomography (CT) demonstrated a ruptured left sided pulmonary hydatid cyst with bilateral alveolar consolidation areas due to endobronchial spread (Figures 1,2). Albendazole (10 mg/kg/day) therapy was started. Cystotomy and capitonnage was performed via a standard muscle sparing thoracotomy and the patient was discharged uneventfully.

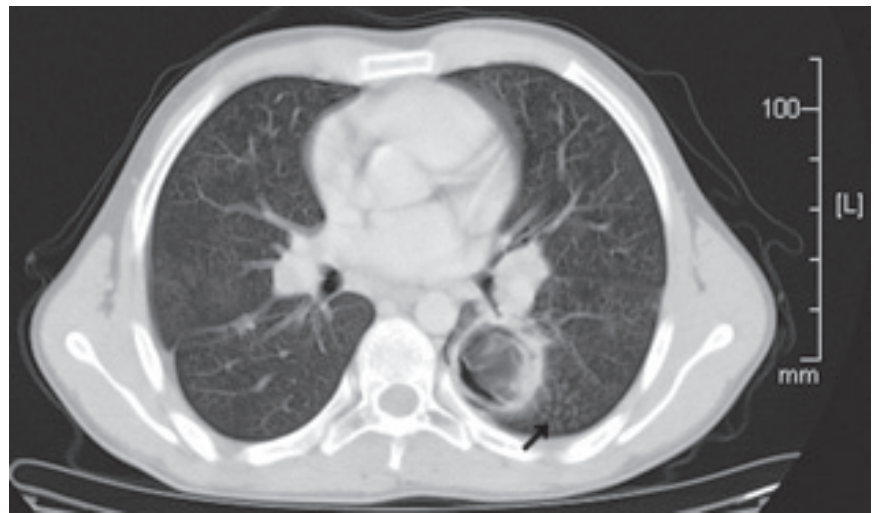


Figure 1. Chest CT showing a detached endocyst membrane with pericystic consolidation at the left superior segment of lower lobe.

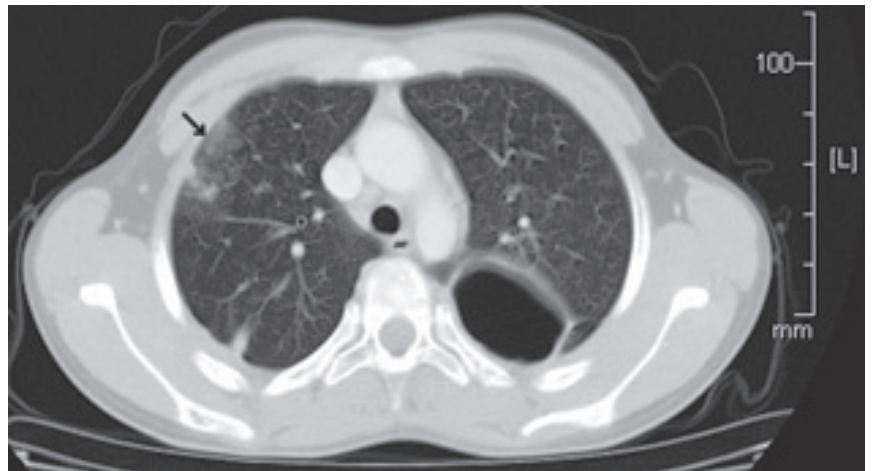


Figure 2. Chest CT showing contralateral focal consolidation areas at the right upper lobe.